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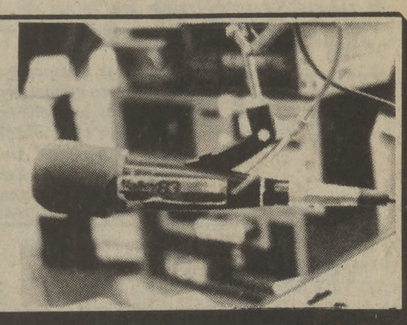

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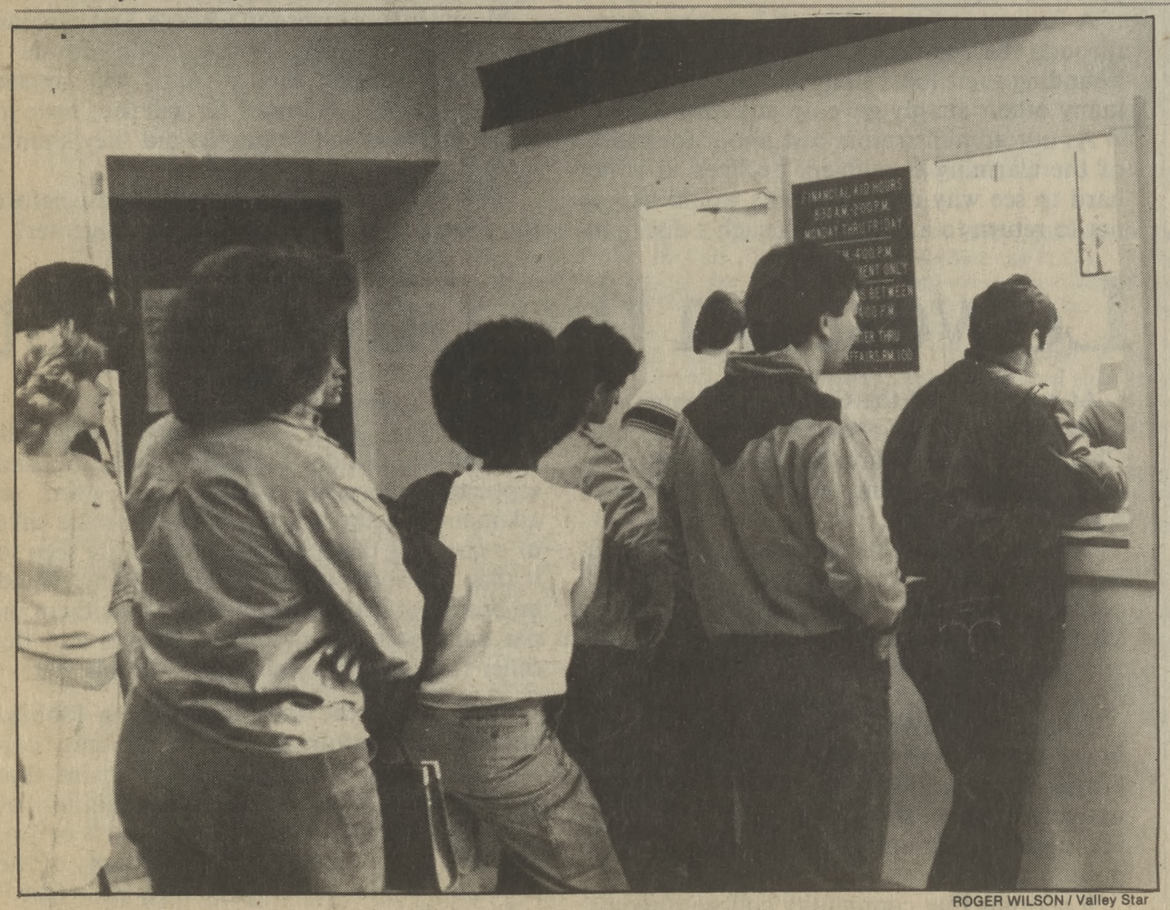

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TAKE A NUMBER—Students faced long lines at the financial aid office as the semester began.

Enrollment plummets

By MARCI MARIGLIANO, Staff Writer

Valley College's enrollment for the spring semester is decidedly lower than a year ago. According to Edwin Young, vice president of academic affairs, Valley had "slightly more than 16,000 students enrolled by the first day of classes and only about 15 percent of the classes filled to capacity."

"We've dropped about 7,000 students since 1983," said John Barnhart, assistant dean of admissions and records, "which is roughly 30 percent of the original enrollment.

"The only two significantly different variables that we have this spring, as compared to one year ago, are the implementation of the fee structure and the early start date."

Young had his own explanation for the sharp decline in enrollment.

"When the economy is up, the enrollment is down," he said. According to Young, when the economy is slow, people feel the need for an education to enable them to find better paying jobs.

But when the economy is moving along at a brisk pace, he said, people spend money more freely, and probably bypass the community college by enrolling directly in a four year institution.

Despite the dramatic decline in students signing up for classes, Barnhart called the spring enrollment "the toughest enrollment I've ever been through."

"What really hurts the enrollment system is students who wait until the last minute," he said. "There were virtually no students enrolling during Christmas vacation. Two days before school starts, everyone comes in to enroll.

"It produces hardships on us and delays for the students. Last minute enrollment creates problems with the office of instruction to judge student needs."

Barnhart also said that there had been problems with the computer—it kept breaking down.

"We don't know if the hardware affected the software," he said, "but there is a possibility that some of the students' transactions are lost."

Although Young's latest estimates show a drop of about 15 percent here, he said Valley is "probably doing better than some of the other schools," in the Los Angeles Community College District.

"District enrollment was 77,000 on the Monday before school started against 103,000 last year at that time," he said. "So that's about 25 percent, but that's district-wide."

Pierce College is probably being affected the least. Phil Stein, assistant dean of admissions and records for Pierce , said that enrollment at his school had dropped approximately 10 percent from one year ago.

As Young said, "The students are out there. Where are they?"

District refuses comment

Financial aid system flunks fall semester

By RONN CROWDER, City Editor

The line outside the Valley College financial aid office has been noticeably long lately. Although this is normal at the beginning of the semester, many students still have not received financial aid for the Fall 1984 semester.

The financial aid office reported that on the last day of classes of the fall semester, only 145 students had been fully processed and had received 621 total awards.

Comparatively, on last day of classes in Fall 1983, 599 students were "on the system" and had received 1,235 awards.

Awards may be in the form of a scholarship, a grant, a loan, or a work-study program. Many students qualify for more than one award.

Administrators have varying reasons for the delays, ranging from computer problems to budget cuts, but the underlying blame is laid upon the centralization move which occurred before the Fall '84 semester.

As a result of that move, the campus financial aid office lost three financial aid workers to the central unit, which is at East L.A. College. Later, a clerk was brought into the office to help decrease the load.

Workers in the campus office refused to comment on the situation.

Jose Robledo, the director of financial aid services at the central office, also refused comment.

Mary Ann Breckell, vice-president of administration at Valley said,"There are inherent problems whenever systems are changed. It is difficult to place blame in any one area."

"We are looking at what we can do on campus to clean up our act before we start pointing fingers anywhere else."

One change mentioned by Breckell was improving the response time of the campus office.

"Every student who has filed for financial aid will hear from us within a week after filing," said Breckell.

"This is happening now, but it did not happen in the Fall '84 semester."

Breckell added that students should get in touch with the office if they have not received any notice.

L.A. Community College District (LACCD) Chancellor, Dr. Leslie Koltai was also unavailable for comment, and never returned telephone calls from the *Star*.

Norm Schneider, acting director of communications services for the LACCD, was asked for specific statistics related to the financial aid problem, but did not supply the information before story deadline as requested.

The financial aid line was like many others; take a number; wait your turn. People who waited quietly were surprised at the voice among them, "Who here has applied for aid for Fall '84 and is still waiting for your award?"

Several hands went up; more than half the group.

All the students declined to be identified in the *Star* and refused to interviewed, saying they were afraid publicity would slow delivery of their aid even more.

Class 'holds' become class cuts; more cuts on the way

By KEN MCCALL, Managing Editor

Students who put their name on a waiting list for a class on hold may be waiting a long time for notification that their class has been activated.

In fact, if they haven't received a notice yet, they might as well wait for next semester's class schedule.

"We had to cancel most of the holds," said Edwin Young, vice president of academic affairs. "In a few instances there were classes that were left open that were not getting enrollments, so we substituted hold classes that appeared to have some people on standby and some need by the students."

Young said that the fate of those classes on hold had to be decided by the first day of school because the district computer would have opened them up for enrollment at that time.

Because Valley's funding is based on enrollment, he said, the holds had to be dropped in favor of those classes which met "the greatest needs of the largest numbers of students."

But more cuts were necessary.

"We then cut the classes that were below 10 students," he said, "except in those cases where the course was needed by students to complete their major, or if it was an advanced class, or if we knew from the previous history that it was the kind of class that tends to fill up once school begins."

Young said physical education courses are in that category.

"We've kind of let P.E. slide because loads of students do come in and sign up for P.E. once they have their academic schedule set up," he said,

Young's lastest figures indicate his office has cut about 170 of the 1,470 sections originally offered in the spring class schedule. He was quick to point out, however, that the school never intended to carry all of the classes listed.

But even with those cuts, he said there are still 118-120 classes open with less than the minimum required enrollment of 15. And that's not counting the nursing department, where classes often have to be small because of the type of instuction involved, and the physical education department, which has 80 sections below the minimum by itself.

In other words, the cuts are far from over.

"The 23rd is the last day that we can cut classes," he said. "According to the contract, we have the first two weeks of classes to make shifts and adjustments, so we could be cutting classes up to that time.

"Although we won't really know until after the 23rd, I'm guessing that we might be down 80 sections from last spring."

Young believes his position on class cuts last December has been "substantiated" by the low enrollments.

"The problem was not so much the cutting of funds," he said. "We used to say the cutting of funds is the problem because the classes are not available and the students aren't able to enroll.

"The problem is that even after the cuts and everything, we still don't have enough students to fill the classes we are offering."

Students lose with new computer

By RONN CROWDER, City Editor

Delays in financial aid awards have had serious effects on the lives of students involved.

Many students have been forced to drop out of school to find work to replace late financial aid dollars. They are the unfortunate ones.

Other students with more desire have continued in school while waiting for aid to be delivered and have faced extreme hardships.

Tony Tudor, 28, of North Hollywood is such a student. A Vietnam veteran, Tudor is not unlike many of his peers. He is striving to improve his standard of living.

"I applied for financial aid in August of '84. On five separate occasions I returned to ask about my applications. I never heard from them (financial aid office). As far as I know, my paperwork is still on campus. It just sits there,"said Tudor.

Now in his sophomore year, Tudor said he had no trouble receiving aid before Fall '84, until the administration moved to centralize the system.

"Greg at the campus office," said Tudor, "told me my forms were filled out properly, but the central office kept sending them back—five separate times—and they haven't sent me a letter. I have no money for books. My bills are backed up. I'm behind on my child support."

Tudor received a temporary deferment of his $50 tuition for Spring '85 until the tenth week, at which time he must pay, whether or not he has received his aid.

"This new system really sucks," said Tudor.

Aaron Perry, 27, is a family man with two children. Also a Vietnam era veteran, Perry sees school as a chance for his family to have a better life. He is majoring in electronics.

"I applied for financial aid for the Fall semester way back in May '84.

"I haven't heard a thing from them. I have done as they told me to do," said Perry.

Christmas was especially difficult for the Perry family.

"We got toys for the kids—they had a nice time—but it was not as nice as it should have been," said Perry.

The day-to-day grind is most difficult without financial aid, but Perry is a dedicated student.

"Some days I come to school and go without lunch. I can barely afford gas to get here. It is a hardship, but I have to go to school," said Perry.

The electronics major had to leave abruptly because he was late to class. He added that he had no choice but to wait, and, help had better come soon.

News Notes

ASU PHOTO IDS

ASU photo IDs will be taken in the ASU office, CC 102, thru Feb. 15 from noon to 3 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

JEWISH STUDENT CLUB

New Members Nite for Hillel is tonight. The Jewish Student Center, is open to new and returning students Meet new friends-enjoy free refreshments, music and more! At the Hillel House-13162 Burbank Blvd. 994-7443

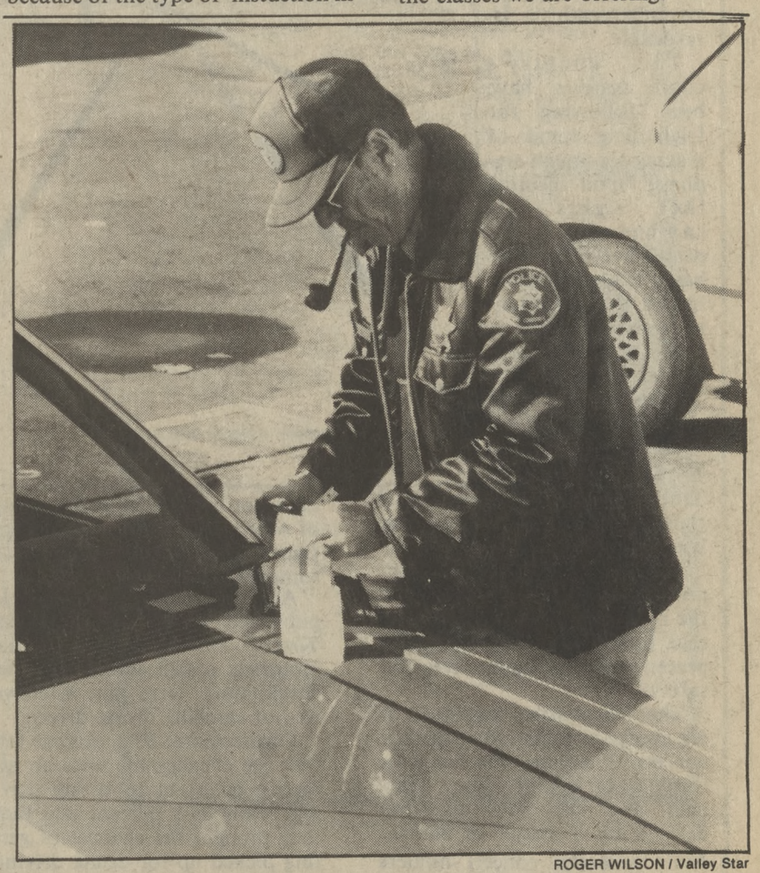
CAL GRANTS

Applications for Cal Grants for '85-86 academic year are now available in the Financial Aid office located in the campus center, room 100.

The deadline for filing with the state is Feb. 11, 1985. Students who wish to file should do so before Feb. 1 to allow time for processing.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

Anyone interested in joining the LAVC women's softball team can contact Coach Karen Honey on the field by the women's gym Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.



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PARKING PERILS—Campus Police Officer Frank Dallas cites a car illegally parked in a "staff only" section. An average of 400 tickets per week are issued to parking violators during the semester.

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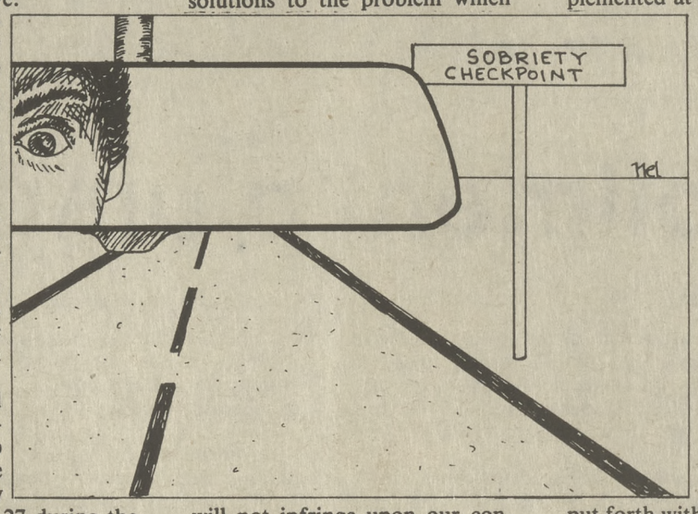
Roadblocks

Constitutionality questioned

By RONN CROWDER, City Editor

Holiday anti-drunk-driver roadblocks are not only unconstitutional, they are inconvenient and ineffective.

Dubbed "sobriety checkpoints" by authorities, the roadblocks are an alarming trend and an erosion of our constitutional rights.



Even if the tactic achieved the expressed goal of fewer alcohol-related deaths and accidents, the price in loss of freedom is much too high.

Statistics reveal that statewide traffic deaths were up from 20 in the 17-day holiday period in 1983, to 27 during the same period in 1984.

In the four areas of the state where roadblocks were deployed, alcohol-related deaths were up from one in 1983 to three in 1984.

Some "experts" say the death figures are meaningless and statistically insignificant. *Any increase in death rates is significant.*

If roadblocks were intended to be a deterrent for drunk drivers, they were not successful, because 1984 saw an increase of drunk driving arrests in the four affected areas.

The concept presupposes that drunks will stop to think before turning the ignition key. Obviously, roadblocks did not keep the drunks off the streets.

There are other alternative solutions to the problem which will not infringe upon our constitutional rights like the police-state tactics of the roadblocks.

Civic-minded organizations nationally have provided free transportation for drunks during the holidays for years.

Free coffee stops have been placed in rest areas or other convenient locations.

The bottom line and the only solution to the problem is eduction.

We must teach our children at an early age about the negative effects of alcohol and drug abuse. Then and only then will real inroads be made toward resolving the problem.

We must each be personally responsible for our friends. The slogan, "Friends don't let friends drive drunk," should be remembered by all and implemented at the proper time.

Bartenders and drink servers have a responsibility to their customers, as do hosts of parties where people are drinking. Remember: Calling a taxi for someone could save lives.

The most frightening aspect of the roadblock issue is the apparent unquestioning public acceptance of the tactic.

Other, more effective means of dealing with the problem must be put forth without sacrificing constitutional rights.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has challenged the constitutionality of the roadblocks and the matter will soon be before the courts. If authorities win approval of the courts, what rights will we lose next?

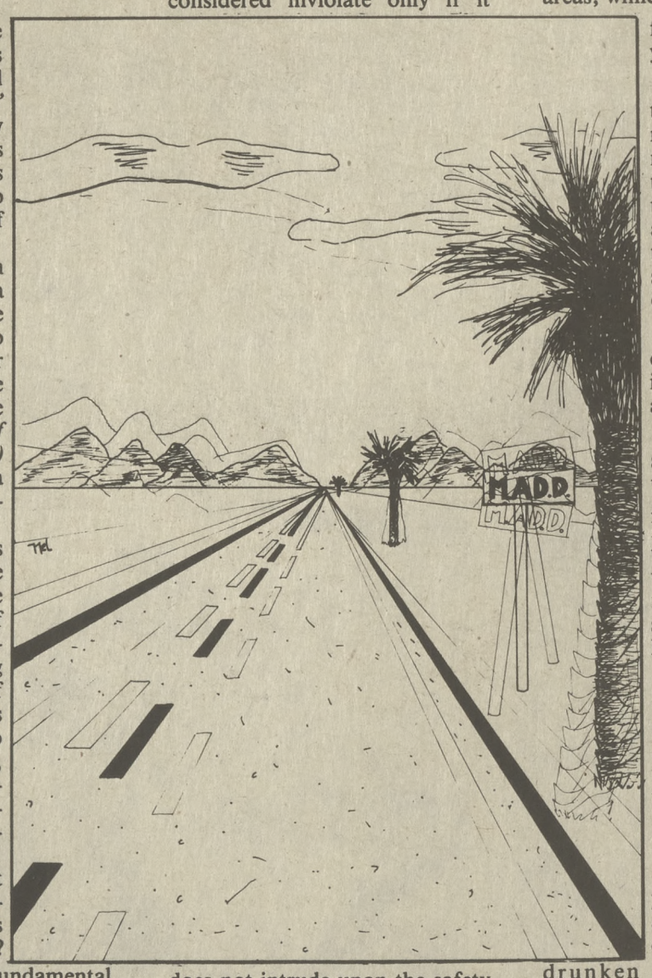
Will citizens be stopped and searched for weapons, drugs, or contraband? What about vehicle registration. Is this what we want?

George Orwell may not have been far from the truth in 1948 when he wrote his famous novel *1984*. Holiday roadblocks are alarmingly close to becoming Big Brother in action.

Small price to pay for life

By DAVID FROST, Opinion Editor

The efforts of the state and local law enforcement officials who set up the holiday sobriety checkpoint roadblocks deserve commendation. The sobriety checkpoints may prove to be a much needed remedy to a tragic dilemma which has grown to titanic proportions.



Opponents of the sobriety checkpoints whine over the alleged *"unconstitutionality"* of the program. They fail to see that victims of drunken drivers are, themselves, too often deprived of their rights.

Whereas a drunken driver may appeal a sentence, victims have yet to find a way to *appeal* injury or death. Whereas the sentences of the drunken drivers *(if they even receive one)* are mercifully short, a victim's death is irrevocable.

This country's court systems have been following the frightening trend of placing too much emphasis upon insuring the rights of lawbreakers—as drunken drivers who have, quite willingly, turned themselves into moving-murder-weapons most certainly are.

However, what rights have been extended to the victims and potential victims? Truly, the most fundamental right of all, the right to live, has been denied to many of them.

Those who oppose the checkpoints are, in essence, saying that the rights of lawbreakers to conceal their illegal activities take precedence over human lives and safety.

The "unconstitutionality" of the checkpoints should be of little concern to anyone who has been through an airport, where searches and electronic detection devices are a matter of course. More recently, concert holders have been forced to resort to searches in order to ensure public safety.

In both the above instances, personal safety has been regarded as more important than the mythical "right to privacy."

The right to privacy should be considered inviolate only if it does not intrude upon the safety of other people. You forfeit that right when you present a threat to someone else's life.

According to a recent article published in the *Los Angeles Times,* 85.5 percent of the motorists polled agreed that the checkpoints were an effective way of catching drunk drivers.

Furthermore, 83.1 percent felt that the checkpoints were an effective deterrent to drunk driving, while 85.9 percent said that they thought the chances of getting picked up for drunk driving were increased.

As far as being unreasonably detained is concerned, only 6.3 percent of the people thought that this was the case.

According to the same article, alcohol related crashes were down 19 percent in roadblock areas, while arrests rose 8 percent from the previous year.

Those opposed to the sobriety roadblocks have noted the increase in traffic fatalities and the increase in arrests as "evidence" that the roadblocks do not serve as a deterrent to drunk drivers.

However, those opinions are refuted in the aforementioned article by two experts.

William Louv, a statistical expert from the University of Alabama School of Public Health said that the numbers involved in the rise in fatalities were "too small to be statistically significant."

Additionally, California Highway Patrol Commisioner, James E. Smith linked the higher arrest rate to the increase in CHP manpower over last year.

As the lives of more people are adversely affected by the carelessness of drunken drivers,tolerance towards drunken drivers has been eroded.

This erosion of tolerance has spawned the outcry for a greater awareness of the danger involved in mixing drinking and driving. Also, harsher laws to penalize drunken drivers have been enacted.

For the innocent, the checkpoints and harsher laws amount to nothing more than a little inconvenience.

But even if the policies save only *one life,* will that not make it worth a little inconvenience?

STAR EDITORIALS

The check's *not* in the mail

The Los Angeles Community College District's new financial aid system is a joke.

Although the financial aid checks finally came in as the Fall '84 semester ended, no one was notified of their arrival.

The overwhelming majority of LACCD students who applied for loans and grants so they could attend classes last semester haven't even received award letters yet. Some of these students applied for aid close to a year ago!

By the end of the Fall 85 semester, the new LACCD computer had managed to spit out only 25 percent of the awards granted the previous year.

A few persistent students did manage to cut through the red tape and get their checks by hounding their local financial aids office, but many others simply gave up and quit school.

As our administrators cast about for causes of the alarming enrollment declines, it is not hard to see why many students would choose not to return to a school with such a disorganized and unprofessional financial aid system.

Cal State may cost a little more down the road, but at least you can get a loan there. Why bother with a community college at all?

The District administration may have had its reasons for centralizing and computerizing the financial aid system, but if they implement a program that affects so many students—and perhaps the District itself in the long run—they have an obligation to see that the system works.

This is an obligation that no one seems eager to meet or even talk about. And those who are willing to break the wall of silence simply pass the buck.

Meanwhile, Governor George Duekmejian has declared January Financial Aid Month.

Does this mean that students will receive their checks before June? Or will they have to wait until next fall to get the aid they should already have?

How many more students will we lose before the financial aid office gets its act together?

Lowest on the funding list

At a meeting of the California Community Colleges Board of Governers held last month, Chancellor Gerald Hayward gave a report on the inadequate funding received by the state's community colleges.

The statistics he cited showed that the funding for California's community colleges is 18 percent below the average of the other 49 states. In addition, community colleges, on the average, are given less money per student than K-12, CSU, and UC systems.

With the state of California ranked fourth in the nation in per capita income, as well as having a cost of living that is well above the national average, there is no valid reason why the state's community colleges should be so poorly funded.

It is ironic that community college students, who now have to pay a $50 tuition, should still receive below average funding in a state as prosperous as California.

Have the tuition monies been diverted? If not, why are the community colleges *still* undercut in their funding?

With the extra funds made available through the tuition, the state legislature, and especially Governer Deukmejian (who so adamantly supported the tuition for the sake of *improving* the colleges) should have seen to it that the community college funding would be brought back to a level which puts them on par with both the national average, and the other three educational systems in this state.

With all of the complaints being lobbied against the administrators of community colleges, the basic underlying fact remains that the dilemmas faced are the responsibility of the state legislature and the governor's office. The lack of funding has produced many of the problems that community colleges now face.

The quality of community college education can only be improved through increased funding, and the nearly 2 million California community college students deserve an equal share of state support.

Letters to the Star

Mission defended

Editor,

I was disappointed to see the editorial cartoon in the November 15 issue of the *Valley Star* which depicted the delivery of a decorative fountain for a permanent Mission College Campus while the enrollment hose ran dry. I believe that your editorial staff and your readers need to be informed of some important facts about this issue:

The Board of Trustees, in authorizing the steps that need to be taken to construct a permanent campus, are preparing for the 1990's and the twenty-first century, not the temporary downturn in enrollment during the last two years. The new campus will not be ready for occupancy until 1988 at the earliest.

The reduced enrollments are largely the result of a series of actions that have been taken locally and statewide. These have included the early start of the semester, the imposition of first-ever general registration fees, and reduced budgets which have caused reduced services and class offerings.

These actions, and the resulting decreases in enrollments can be reversed.

We at Mission are concerned about the reduced budgets. We are trying, not only to secure State funding for our campus construction, but also to have larger operating appropriations so that our District enrollments can increase. But when the process for campus construction takes four to five years, we need to keep moving on that so our campus will be ready for the enrollments of the 1990's and beyond.

Some people think that the District is using funds to plan the new campus that could be used to pay operating expenses. This is not the case. The District's share of the funds to plan and build the new campus is coming from the sale of the Northwest Valley site. This land was purchased by bond funds and the proceeds from its sale are strictly limited to use for capital construction purposes.

The permanent campus for Mission College is extremely modest, by comparison with Valley College and the other colleges in the District. It will be approximately the same size as the rental facilities that now house Mission College. But the important considerations are that the new facilities will be located all together, will be specifically designed for educational purposes, and will be constructed according to the earthquake requirements of the State.

Therefore, the new facilities will provide a better, safer education that will allow students to take more classes each semester.

By constructing a permanent campus with restricted bond funds, more operating funds will be made available. Currently the lease funds cost over $500,000 per year. By 1995, without a permanent campus, the cost of the leasing of facilities for Mission College over a twenty year period are estimated at approximately $10,000,000.

I am concerned that during times of limited resources and decreasing enrollments, colleges and groups within our district will resort to cannibalism, to figuratively "eat up" other colleges and groups. We all need to work together to make sure we have a "full stream" of enrollments throughout the District, as well as apropriate educational facilities for the students of Mission College.

We are not planning fancy fountains, but rather basic facilities that meet the State's earthquake standards and the educational needs of the students—the kind of facilities that the students at Valley already have.

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Perspective

Edler makes games a figure of speech

By DORENE ROBINS, Staff Writer

Nervous excitement filled the room as each group of students prepared to present the board games they had designed and produced to a "game company" consisting of a panel of judges. Prizes would be awarded to the winners.

Through the creation of these games, students had learned to cooperate and communicate in a group effort to "sell" their product.

This was part of the final exam in Dr. William Edler's group discussion class, demonstrating the necessity and value of speech and communications in our everyday lives.

Edler, 47, who began his own college education here at Valley College in 1958, completed the cycle by returning as professor of speech three years ago.

"I couldn't avoid it," he quipped, adding that his first speech instructor, recently retired John A. Buchanan, associate professor of speech, gave him his start in speech and communications.

Edler went on to earn a B.A. in Communications and Theater at Cal State Northridge in 1963.

"People very often have grown up with a lot of fears and perhaps some negative influences relative to communications," said Edler. "And they are fighting these off. I'm here to help them increase their knowledge and capabilities so they can get as much out of the skills they have."

"I never deny anybody the right to fail, but I will support them all the way down the line in their efforts toward success."

Edler, who begins his teaching day at 7 a.m., said he admires the dedication of his students, many of whom hold full or part time jobs along with their classes at Valley College.

"I have students who are almost unable to communicate and talk; certainly not in front of a group," he said. "By the time they leave, they are able to function. They could go out and give a talk to a professional business group."

Many of his students become friends, some through one of Edler's favorite hobbies, amateur radio operation.

"Amateur radio is one way of binding together a group of diverse people in various professions who could never get together otherwise," Edler said. "This can provide a lot of fuel for interesting conversations. Students, present and past, have taken up amateur radio and remain friends forever on the airways."

Edler's teaching career began at Wilbur Ave. Elementary School in Tarzana. It has taken him to such places as Guam, where he and his wife, who is also a teacher, taught in elementary and high schools.

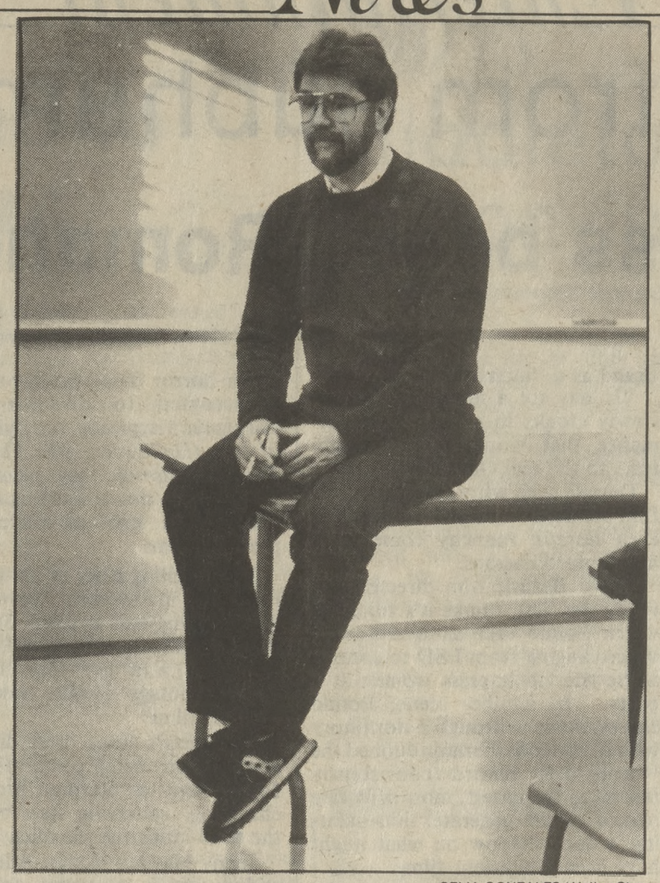
During his two years in Guam, Edler was appointed Crisis Intervention Counselor, which involved helping young people deal with such crises as drugs, pregnancy, and crime. He was also appointed Chairman of the Territorial Crime Commission dealing with drug abuse.

It was at that job that Edler became the subject of a film about values training and drug awareness, entitled "Mr. Edler's Class," produced by the National Institute of Mental Health.

After receiving a doctorate from U.S.C. in 1975, he began work as coordinator of instruction for the Los Angeles school district. He helped design curriculum and set up the Overseas Program which enabled military personnel to receive college credit for sharpening their skills.

Edler traveled to Cuba, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, and Strategic Air Command bases in the Dakotas and Montana preparing military instructors to teach in the fields of security, fire and automative sciences and electronics.

Though Edler enjoys his students and teaching, he spends the summer working for a private firm in air-conditioning engineering.



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"I don't think anybody can continue the kind of dedication and stresses involved in teaching if they don't take a break," he said.

"You become a lot more valuable to your students if you cross-pollinate yourself so that you don't become dead in your own profession."

The future of the community college system worries Edler, especially tuition and dropping enrollment.

"We are in a downward spiral that seems to feed on itself," he said, " in that certain classes are cut, thereby reducing income, thereby cutting more classes, thereby tossing instructors out, thereby making colleges less attractive to future students, thereby declining enrollment."

Lack of public confidence and misconception on the governor's part about the role of the community college system is endangering "one of the most positive institutions in this state and country," Edler continued. "This ultimately can reach a critical point beneath which you could lose your institution, which would be a massive loss to hundreds of thousands of students."

Edler strongly feels he received a good beginning at Valley College. He says his students, whether 17 or 70, are "an absolute delight," and he is pleased to be able to come back as an instructor.

New district rules allow class audits

By JANET RAILE, Staff Writer

Students, especially those wanting to take courses without credit, will be interested to know recent legislation allows auditing of courses at community colleges as of January 1985.

"This is a new way for students to enroll in courses," said Dr. Edwin Young, vice president of academic affairs.

Young said auditing may appeal to students by allowing them to explore courses for making decisions about a career or to gain skills or general knowledge without having to take exams.

"There are courses in music, art, physical education and drama which the student may want to take more than once," said Dr. Mary Lee, Valley College president.

The Board of Trustees decided on basic rules at the Dec. 12 meeting and authorized the administrators to implement them with regulations which were completed yesterday.

These are the basic rules for auditing courses:

1. Students will pay a fee of $15 per unit with no credit.
2. There will be no change allowed to enrollment for credit after an indication of enrollment for no credit.
3. No fee will be charged for auditing a course when a student is enrolled in and receives credit for six or more units.
4. Priority will be given to regularly enrolled students when class size is limited.

Dr. Young said, "This is the first time auditing will have been allowed. There are procedures to work out such as how the instructors will decide on the amount of instruction time given to regularly enrolled students and auditing students.

"The first obligation we feel we have is to those who need to enroll in a course for graduation or other credit purposes," he said. "Many of our classes do not have empty seats. When the enrollment drops instructors will allow auditing."

According to Dr. Lee, the community college will receive much less for the auditing student than for the regularly enrolled student.

"One effect of the permission to audit is on the projected funding. The community colleges receive funding according to the average daily attendance of students enrolled in classes for credit.

"This amount is usually about $2,000 per 12 unit (full-time) student in contrast to $360 per 12 unit auditing student," she said.

"We have to be very careful in our budget projections that we don't just look at the number of students enrolled and think we have the same financial structure, because we don't."

"Community colleges are designed to serve the community," said Robert Bond, chairman of the business administration department. "So I am all in favor of anything that will help students and the community at large to acquire new knowledge."

Ulibarri ousted—New president appointed

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Staff Writer

Shawn Ulibarri, the ASU president elected to serve for the '84-'85 school year, is unable to finish his term because he did not complete the required amount of units needed to remain as an ASU officer.

Frank Tullo, vice president, has accepted the presidential position and will serve for the following semester.

All student officers' grades are checked by Dr. Pauline Merry, Dean of Student Affairs and ASU adviser, three times during their year-long term.

"The student officers' first job is to be in school," Merry said.

Tullo, now president, said, "I think I have a lot to offer students. I like to be around people," he said.

His main goal this semester will be to increase ASU membership.

"My place is to be out there meeting people. It is crucial for us to ask the people what they want from ASU," Tullo said.

A general election will be held Jan. 23-24 to fill 14 commissioner's posts. Applications were due yesterday, but interested students may lobby for unfilled posts after the election. As with any ASU election, the candidate must be an ASU member.

In addition to this election, another will be held Feb. 6 and 7 for vice president. Applications for this position will be available in the Student Affairs office tommorrow.

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Movies range from subhuman to sublime

'Animal' is a tasteless beast

By STEVE PETERS, Entertainment Editor

As long as movie-goers hunger for the gratuitous sex and raunchy pranks that permeate most young adult comedies, movies like *The Party Animal* will continue to fill their bellies with coarse, often undigestable humor.

But unlike similar films, *The Party Animal* frequently oversteps the boundaries of decent comedy with its ridiculous, sophomoric attempts to extract every possible chuckle from its viewers.

In his debut screen appearance, Matthew Causey plays Pondo Sinatra, a college student in his early twenties whose zealous obsession to lose his virginity results in consistently unsuccessful attempts to do so.

Pondo is the school loser, and even with the help of his friend Studley (the name says it all), he seems destined to take his unwanted celibacy to his grave.

But during a class lecture on aphrodisiacs, Pondo gets a new idea and sets out to make a "Love Potion #9"-type concoction in the school's chemistry lab. After a series of hapless attempts (one girl

MATTHEW CAUSEY

becomes bald, another turns into a gorilla), Pondo accidentally hits paydirt and becomes the object of every woman's affections.

While *The Party Animal* regularly reaches too deep for its obnoxious excuses for humor, the film is not without its funny moments.

An amusing *Hunchback of Notre Dame* takeoff is inspired when Pondo visits a punk hairdressing and clothing store, where the proprietors transform him into a creature the townspeople rightfully brand as a "monster."

"I am not a monster," Pondo slowly croaks in a moving performance that would have brought tears to the real Quasimodo's eyes.

Despite such witty fragments, the film manages to exceed the limits of even *tasteful* raunchy comedy on numerous occasions.

David Beaird, who directed and wrote the film, thinks it's funny to watch Pondo take an overdose of drugs ranging from LSD to cocaine as he tries to impress women at a party. In another scene, Pondo chases women through a dormitory with a five-foot vibrator dubbed the "Moby-5." Beaird consistently resorts to the basest, most offensive humor he can generate, thus painting a dark shadow on what might have been a hilarious film.

Even with its worthy gags, the picture is splotched with unnecessary, occassionally embarrassing jokes that manage to defeat its effectiveness as a funny movie. Though the film is never bland, it is often tasteless, and among other teenage comedies, *The Party Animal* is an unwelcome guest.

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STEALING THE SHOW—LAVC thespians Claudia Fielding (L) and Marti Stevens (R) are Babe and Meg in "Crimes of the Heart," the award-winning play by Beth Henley. "Crimes" will be at the Shoebox Theater on January 24, 25, 26, 27 (matinee show), 31, and February 1 and 2.

Romance by horror director

By STEVE PETERS, Entertainment Editor

For horror fans who have grown accustomed to director John Carpenter's typically terrifying bill of fare *(Halloween, The Fog, The Thing), Starman* may have more shock value than a startling murder scene from one of Carpenter's previous films.

The touching story of an unlikely romantic involvement between a human being and an alien, *Starman* marks a directorial about-face for Carpenter, a far cry from the slice-and-dice image usually associated with his films.

Carpenter's clean, fresh direction and the convincing performance of Jeff Bridges as Starman provide a charming, satisfying new twist to the tired human-meets-alien theme.

Jenny Hayden (Karen Allen) is a widow who is awakened one night by a noise in her living room, where she watches in amazement as a baby appears and quickly develops into a perfect double of her late husband Scott.

"Scott" is Starman, an alien who must observe earth for three days before he meets with his mothership, thousands of miles away.

Jenny is unwillingly enlisted by Starman to take him to the destination, an exhausting trip that turns into an exciting chase when government agents discover the remains of Starman's ship and attempt to capture him.

The alien's choice of appearance is no consolation to Jenny, but her feelings toward him turn from fear to curiosity as she watches him absorb and try to decipher the nature of mankind.

When he resurrects a hunted deer, Jenny's reservations give way to affection, and one of Hollywood's most unique cinematic romances is born.

Starman is peppered throughout with the kind of warm touches and positive insight that Carpenter normally would not strive for. Unlike his past efforts, *Starman* celebrates life instead of death.

ALIEN FEELINGS—Karen Allen is touched by "alien" Jeff Bridge's near-human feelings in John Carpenter's *Starman.*

Bridges' portrayal of the compassionate Starman is flawless, from the clucking dialect of an alien clumsily mastering a new language to his face of inquisitive wonder, like a boy at an amusement park for the first time.

Equally impressive is Carpenter's reserved use of effects. Saturated special effects have lately dominated the plots of many science-fiction films, but Carpenter uses his movie magic like a delicious spice; just enough to add flavor, but not so much as to be overpowering.

By keeping the flashy visuals to a minimum, he allows the audience to focus on the personal elements of the story.

With *Starman,* Carpenter seems to try to rectify the brooding, evil visions he has brought us in the past and comes to an unlikely but successful turning point in his career.

While his horror films may be tossed into a category with similar films of the genre, this romantic science-fiction adventure stands apart from the cold futuristic vision of other sci-fi films. After *Halloween* is forgotten and *The Fog* has cleared away, *Starman* will continue to shine.

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Scholarships awarded to Valley football players

By MARC PROVAL, Staff Writer

If any spectators at a Valley College home football game this past season bothered to take their eyes off the game for a second or two and scanned the stadium, they would have seen something that might have seemed peculiar to the less than average fan.

Men wearing strange color windbreakers and baseball caps were often seen hurriedly looking through programs and quickly jotting down notes after each play.

Who were these odd creatures and what was their mission?

They just happen to be division 1 university football scouts desperately searching for the one or two players capable of turning a perennial loser into a bowl-bound contender.

More often than not, the scouts have found their star at Valley.

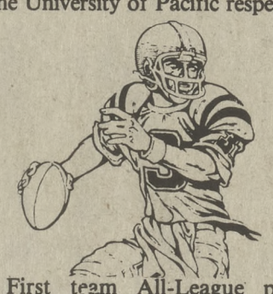
In fact, in the last four years head Coach Chuck Ferrero has delivered almost everyone of his sophomores to a major university.

This year is no different than the rest. Monarch players have received more scholarships than any other junior college in Los Angeles. More than half of the graduating class will suit up next fall for a division 1 football program.

"Universities are careful in giving away scholarships," said Ferrero. "They want to be sure the player can really play."

This year's crop of talented recipients will be spread out around the country next season.

First team All-State selections, linebacker Clay Orrison and defensive lineman Kelvin Harden are headed off to New Mexico State and the University of Pacific respectively.



First team All-League punter, Steve Kazdin, will be kicking for the University of Miami Hurricanes, the 1983 National Champions.

Three receivers that profited from "Air Ferrero" last year will be running routes again this year. Mike Salerno at the University of Idaho, Demetrium Burton at Iowa State, and Luis McDonald at New Mexico State.

The defense, which ranked a solid fifth in the state for the year, did not go unnoticed. Rex Walters is headed off to Boise State while another defensive lineman, Pat Dixson, will be chasing down quarterbacks for Carrol College.

Linebackers Mo Givehand and Collins Johnson will be playing at New Mexico State and Sonoma University.

A pair of offensive linemen are heading to the Southwest. James Lane and Jim McAllister will be opening up holes for Western New Mexico while another Monarch lineman, Mike Price, has the tough decision of whether to protect quarterback Bernie Kosar at the University of Miami or to ride the wild surf at the University of Hawaii.

Some guys have all the luck.

Ferrero also sends his backfield packing. Running back Freddie Lloyd will be attending Idaho State while the other back, Terrence Upshaw, will carry the ball for Moorehead State University.

If tradition continues, there will be plenty of scouts who will request season tickets to Monarch home games next season.

Middleton leads Monarchs to convincing conference win

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Sports Editor

Larry Middleton scored over 30 points in a game for the ninth time this season and lead his teammates to a 59-47 victory over West Los Angeles last Friday night.

The win raised the Monarchs record to 11-6 overall and 1-0 in the Mountain Valley conference.

Middleton hit 14 of 18 shots and finished with 30 points for the game. He came into the game averaging 26.7 points per contest.

"We played intellegently," said Valley coach Bobby Castagna. "Overall, the game was well played."

The statistics bear Castagna out. The Monarchs had only 10 turnovers for the entire game and shot 60 percent from the field.

The coach was also pleased with point guard Eric Harden's performance. Harden dished out 12 assists, and was very much under control through the entire game. Castagna indicated that they need more of the same type of play from the entire team to repeat their championship from last year.

The team misses Robert Majerus, the 6-foot-3-inch starting forward, who has been out with a knee injury.

"We hope to get him back real soon. The team needs him badly," said Castagna.

Whether Majerus is back in time for the Trade Tech game only time will tell, but with or wihout him, this Friday's opponent will be tough.

Valley beat Trade Tech both times last year by a combined score of 2 points. As part of their arsenal, two 6-foot-8-inch players, each a bundle to handle, return this season to Trade Tech.

Castagna said, "We have to stop Tech's inside game and control the boards if we are going to win."

This Friday's game will be played at Valley at 7:30, and with All-American candidate Middleton and the two big men for Tech, on the same court. Some outstanding basketball should be featured in this season's first rematch of last year's top two teams.

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Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Place
1-18	Fri.	L.A. Trade Tech	7:30 p.m.	Home
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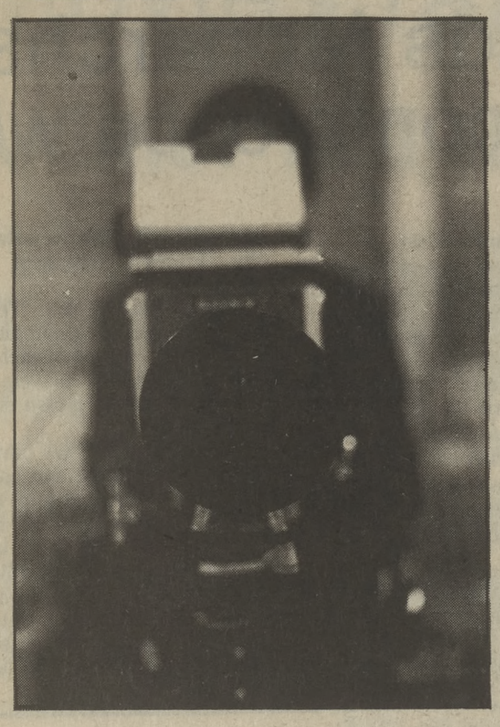

"On the air" is what the lighted signs outside of Valley's broadcasting rooms says. This means that broadcasting students are inside, hard at work, either in the world of television or on the wavelengths of radio.

The Broadcasting Department covers the entire field with a variety of classes. These classes range from Broadcasting 1, which is required of all broadcasting majors, on up to the workshops, which gives the student "hands on" experience.

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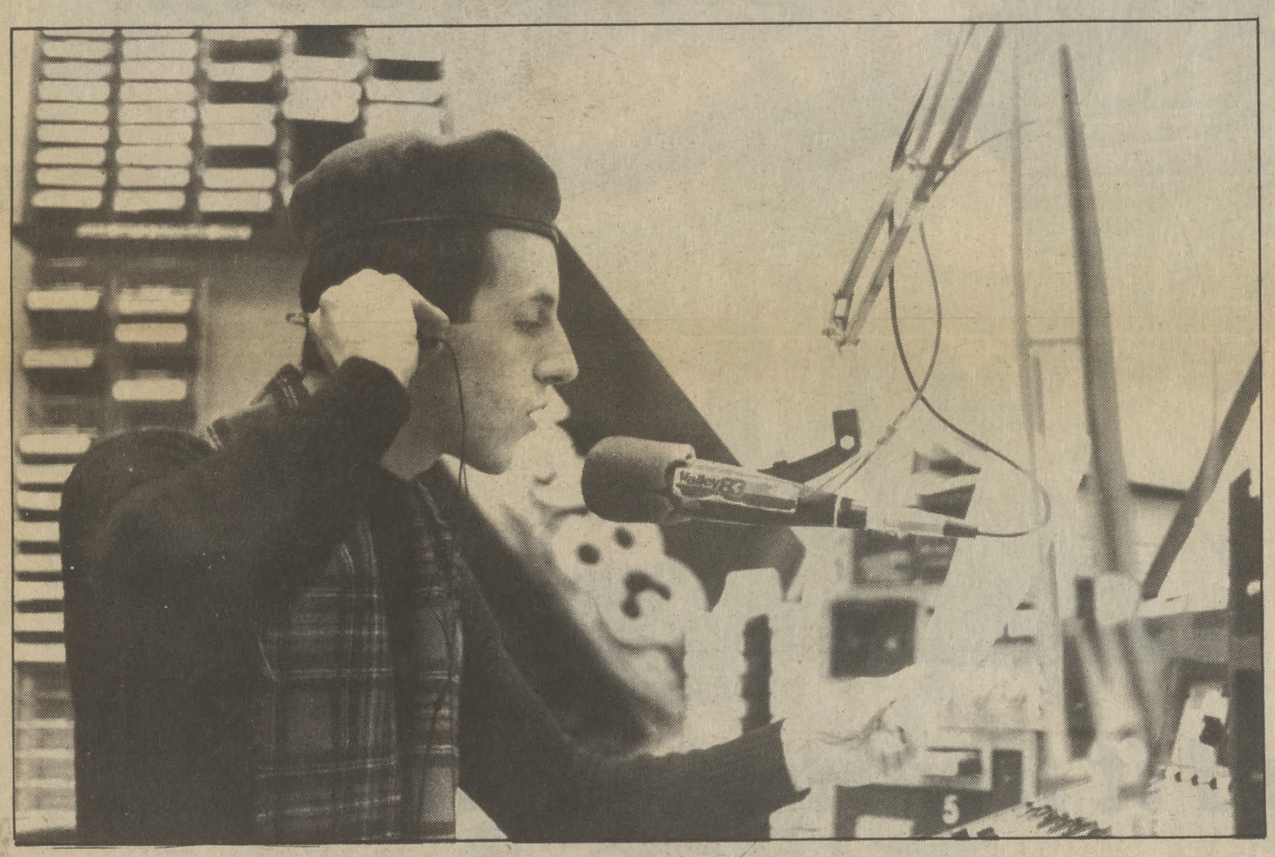
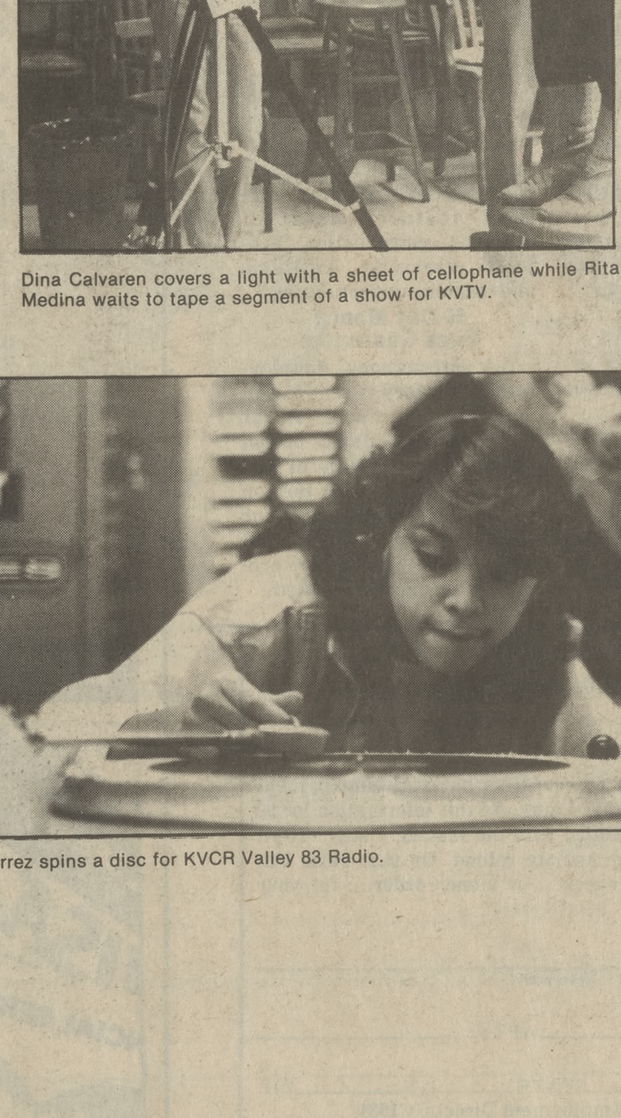
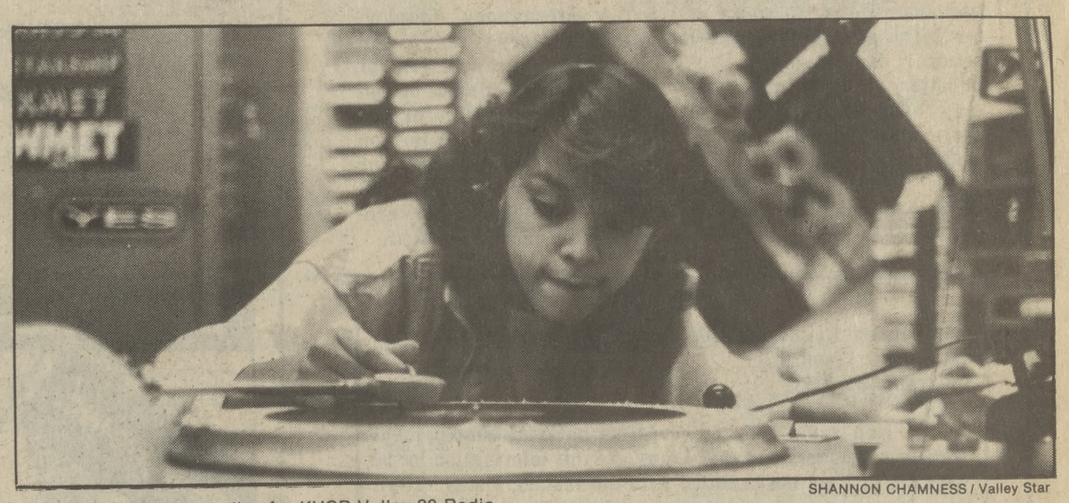


Michael Dury makes an announcement during his air time.



Dina Calvaren covers a light with a sheet of cellophane while Rita Medina waits to tape a segment of a show for KVTV.

Keith Karcher adjusts the lights in the television studio.



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Trish Nevarrez spins a disc for KVCR Valley 83 Radio.